

# STORIES OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

George Washington was born 155 years ago to-day. His name will live through all the ages as the liberator and founder of the greatest country the world has ever known. Washington was, and is, America incarnate. The United States has outgrown the fondest hopes which he entertained for the nation fledgling he nursed into life, but with that growth has grown the name and fame and honor of him who is in truth "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The first recorded observance of Washington's birthday appeared in the Pennsylvania Packet on Tuesday, February 17, 1784 (old style). It was sent by a correspondent in New York, and read: "Wednesday last being the birthday of His Excellency, Gen. Washington, the same was celebrated here by all the true friends of American Independence and Constitutional Liberty with that hilarity and manly decorum ever attendant on the sons of freedom. In the evening an entertainment was given on board the East India ship in the harbor, to a very brilliant and respectable company, and a discharge of thirteen cannon was fired on the joyful occasion."

What a difference between conditions then and now. At that time there were barely 5,000,000 people in the United States. There was really no great American city, New York having only 33,000, Philadelphia 30,000, Boston 18,000, and Charleston 16,000 inhabitants. Washington died in December, 1799, and the progress of news was so slow at that time that some of the settlements beyond the Alleghenies did not learn of his demise until February and March of the next year.

At the time of his death Washington was probably the richest man in the United States. He had vast holdings of real estate, and more than half of his wealth lay west of the Alleghenies. Some idea of his extensive holdings may be had from an advertisement which appeared in the Alexandria (Virginia) Gazette of the time, which contained several columns, describing lands that he wished to lease or sell. He offered to "lease \$500 acres of Mount Vernon land, the properties known as the River Farm, the Union Farm, the Dogue Run Farm, and the Muddy Hole Farm, respectively." The lands for sale were 3,741 acres on the southeast side of the Ohio River, 2,338 acres on the Great Kanawha, 2,042 acres on the Little Miami, within a mile of the Ohio, and 5,000 acres in the Green River country of Kentucky.

When he married the pretty Widow Custis, Washington received into his hands one-third of the famous Custis fortune, amounting to about \$500,000 in money. He purchased, among other places, Great Meadows, the scene of the battle in the French and Indian war, where he fought his first fight and "signed the first and only capitulation of his life." At Washington's Run, in the Alleghenies, there is still an old water mill in operation which stands on the site of one that he built in 1755.

His diary, carefully kept, almost without a break from 1790 until the close of his eventful life, shows his careful, methodical habits, and gives much information about his extensive business affairs. Among the products of his place were nearly 2,000 barrels of good whiskey, and frequent sale of hogs, sheep, &c. From 1790 to 1794 Washington was his own exporter, sending out the produce from his great farms to Bristol and Liverpool. Large quantities of tobacco were handled in his name during this time, and his agents in England were instructed to keep their eyes open for any improved agricultural implements, and send them to him.

That Washington was a careful manager is shown from a letter which he wrote to one of his overseers. "Economy in all things is beneficial and desirable on a farm. It shows itself in nothing more evidently or more essentially than in not suffering the provender to be wasted, or on the contrary, in taking care that every atom of it be used to the best advantage, and likewise in not permitting the plow, harness, and other implements of husbandry, and the gears belonging to them, to be unnecessarily exposed, trodden under foot, run over by carts, and abused in other respects. More good is derived from attending to the minutia of a farm than strikes most people at first view."

He wrote many interesting letters on agriculture, and his writings were embodied in the papers and almanacs of the day so that other farmers might read his authentic dissertations. Among the subjects he discussed were clover lots, pasture grounds, compost, penning cattle, folding sheep, feeding stock, kinds of stables, pens, and fences that were best, and the most practical methods of planning rotation in crops. He invented a corn-planter that was open to the sun, drop the corn and cover it, and so save the work of three men and two plows. On a certain farm of 25 acres, he put several pet schemes of crop rotation into practice to demonstrate his theories for himself and his neighbors.

Washington's fidelity to detail is shown by the care with which he kept his account books. The entries were written in clear, careful letters, and among them are found items like these: "Paid for bonnet and trimmings for Miss Custis, \$2.75; paid freight on a saddle of mutton brought from Baltimore by stage, \$3.75; for 100 mulberry trees, \$2.00; delivered to Mr. Dandridge to pay for handkerchiefs for Miss Custis, \$3.20; and his rather surprising entry, "Paid Timmons for soup, 16¢." Whether in the old executive mansion on Broadway, when New York was the Capital of the United States, or in his Virginia plantation, all his accounts were kept in the same accurate, painstaking way. Whenever his agents in England sent him any articles, he required them to forward the original vouchers from the shopkeepers.

In his library Washington had all his books, manuscripts, diaries, accounts, letters, and maps carefully catalogued and filed. At his death they went to his nephew, Bushrod, and after the nephew's death to a grandnephew, George C. Washington. The last possessor gave away many parts of the diary as keepsakes to friends, and sold most of the remainder. Part of it was bought by an Englishman to be placed in the British Museum, but patriotic Boston citizens intercepted him in New York and prevailed

upon him to sell it back to them. Parts of it are now in the Boston Athenaeum, and other portions are in the possession of the national government and of various State libraries.

Washington's letters were noted for their dignity and simplicity of style. In correspondence with his ward, George Washington Parke Custis, when that youth was at college, the general observed the same phraseology and dignity that he maintained with his older friends. He addressed this boy as "sir" with the same gentle gravity that he used when he later addressed each of his grandnieces as "madam." In writing, his wife was addressed to only as "Mrs. Washington," no matter how near the friend to whom he wrote, while "Miss Custis" seems to have always remained so when on paper. Whenever Washington walked on the street he always spoke to every one he met, and tipped his hat. This was the beginning of the fashion still adhered to by our Presidents.

When the war broke out Washington bought a home for his mother in Alexandria, and moved her from her plantation so she would be better protected. After placing her there he went North and was made commander-in-chief of the American forces. It was not until November, 1781, that he saw his mother again, and then this great man went to her on foot, with all the humility and affection of a son, and showed his mother. She looked at him fondly for a while, and then said: "You are growing old, George."

## GONE AT FIVE

BY LOUISE M. ERRIFIELD.

"And now, ladies and gentlemen, we have this fine old piece of black walnut. Must have cost at least \$50 fifty years ago. Just observe the hand carving, will you? Every one of those bunches of acorns is hand-carved. A real French bevel. See that initial here carved right into the wood on top? That capital K stands for Kittredge, and this here bureau is part of the original black walnut, marble-topped bedroom suite that old Grandpa Kittredge bought in Boston fifty-two years ago. Ain't that so, Mrs. Kittredge?"

Standing near the veranda steps was Grandma Kittredge, slender, erect, and dignified in her mourning. Her sweet old face was tear-stained, but courageous, as she watched her precious furniture go under the hammer, piece by piece. It was hard, nobody knew how hard, but they were all kind to her, and even old Billy Masters, the auctioneer, was making it just as easy for her as he could; and, standing next to her, an arm around her waist, and the other hand holding hers in a close clasp of loving comfort, was Kitty—Kitty for whose sake the old home and all it held, was being sold.

With that soft, young hand holding hers, the strength came back to her as she remembered what it meant for Kitty's sake each time one of the old dear things was sold, and now, even when the first piece of her wedding suite was put up, she smiled bravely, closed her eyes to force back the tears, and answered:

"That is so, Billy."

"That has bought it off their wedding trip, the black walnut 'set,' as she called it. It had been made to order in Boston, and she remembered how proud she had been of even the initial on each headpiece, the initial that she had taken for her own through life only a few weeks before."

"There's nothing too good for my bride to take back home with her," Tom Kittredge had said proudly. "And you shall have the marble tops, too, Kitty darling. Marble tops! And to-day old Billy was telling her neighbors to bid up, that even the marble tops were worth buying for gravestones, real, good, flawless marble was getting so scarce. The tears forced their way through her lashes this time, and Kitty, Jr., seeing them fall on the hand she held, raised it to her lips and kissed them away."

"Don't cry, grandma," she whispered, "I'll win it all back for you, dearest, don't you cry."

Then while Billy's voice sounded far off, she closed her eyes to shut out his figure standing on one of her dining-room chairs, shut out the scattered crowd of old neighbors and strangers that had been over the lawn in the place of the big colonial Kittredge homestead, and reasoned it all out with herself again, how it must be for Kitty's sake. Kitty, too Third, as they had called her, had been made to order in Boston, and she remembered how proud she had been of even the initial on each headpiece, the initial that she had taken for her own through life only a few weeks before.

It was right that the girl should have the full benefit from the old place. Grandma Kittredge told herself over and over again. She, too, would be sleeping under the pines before long, and then only little Kitty the Third would be left, and what would she do with the old-fashioned furniture he to her? Dudley liked new things, and they were going to live in New York after they were married. She had heard him telling Kitty how artistically and effectively he would furnish up an apartment for her, "all in mission style."

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care and toll have been making marks in your face, since I saw you last." He then left her to go to New York, and be sworn in as President of the new country which he had helped to make. Four months later the good woman died. After meeting Washington's mother, Lafayette said he had "seen the only Roman matron living in his day."

One of the most widely circulated stories about any public man who ever lived is the one in connection with Washington, the cherry tree, and the hatchet. The first mention of this is found in "Weems's Life of Washington," published in 1808. This Mason L. Weems was an itinerant preacher, who is alleged to have manufactured many illustrations and events found in his book. For this reason it has been claimed that the hatchet story was manufactured out of whole cloth. We cannot be too sure of this, however, because Mr. R. H. T. Halsey, in his book on blue Staffordshire pottery, describes a mug that he saw on which the story was depicted in full. The mug was of rough earthenware and was made in Germany between 1770 and 1780. It was decorated with a quaint little boy, a cherry tree, a large hatchet, and the inscription, "G. W., 1776."

One of the most interesting relics on exhibition at Mount Vernon is not a memento of an American incident, hanging in a glass case on the wall of one of the corridors is a massive iron key, which was used to unlock the Bastille before it fell at the hands of the Paris mob in the first revolution. This extraordinary souvenir was presented to Washington by Lafayette. The key-guides at Alexandria are fond of pointing out the house where Gen. Washington met Mrs. Custis at a ball, and they describe the incident in the characteristic way of young Americans. "He was comin' down the stairs with Miss Sally Fairfax, and they was gone on each other, and Miss Sally she got mad because George made goo-goo eyes at Mrs. Custis."

Tomorrow—Personal Stories.

## HONOR WASHINGTON

Father of Country's Birthday to Be Celebrated.

### BUSINESS TO BE SUSPENDED

Alexandria Takes on Holiday Attire. Services Will Be Held in Old Christ Episcopal Church, and Toasts Will Be Responded to at Three Banquets—Open-air Concerts.

In preparation for the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of Gen. George Washington, Alexandria last evening began to take on a holiday appearance. Flags fluttered from many of the business houses on King street, hunting was hung in festoons from the windows, and in other ways the citizens gave evidence of making ready to do honor to the memory of the first President. The observances will be an appropriate tribute on the part of the city, which was Washington's home town.

Business will be suspended throughout the most of the day. At noon, by order of the mayor, the bells on the public buildings of the city will be tolled, and about the same time a wreath of flowers will be placed on the tomb of Washington. The members of the city council, a delegation from the Daughters of the American Revolution of the District of Columbia, and many residents of this city will attend services to be held in old Christ Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock. These exercises, which will be under the auspices of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be especially fitting on this occasion because, as is well known, Gen. Washington was a vestryman and regular attendant of Christ Church. The principal address will be delivered by Bishop Robert A. Gibson, of the Diocese of Virginia.

Features of Afternoon.

Features of the afternoon will be the banquet to be given in McBurney's Hall at 2:30, and the band concert which will occur at the intersection of Washington and Cameron streets, beginning at 1 o'clock. Final arrangements for these and other exercises of the celebration were made last evening at a meeting of the George Washington Birthday Association in the Friends' fire engine house, when A. D. Brockett, the president of the association, presided.

The following committee was named for the duty of conveying the wreath to Mount Vernon and placing it on Washington's tomb: Mayor Frederick J. Paff, former Mayor E. S. Downham, Charles E. Hubert, Hubert Snow, Charles Kemper, Peter von de Westerland, R. M. Graham, Harry Hammond, George P. Atkinson, O. H. Kirk, Thomas Chaucery, W. R. Hamilton, R. S. Jones, Joseph Colvin, Judge R. T. W. Duke, William A. Snoot, Jr.; John H. Trimmer, C. C. Howard, Julian Y. Williams, A. D. Brockett, Maj. William M. Smith, Capt. R. M. Latham, and William MacCallister.

The banquet to be given in the evening in Masonic Temple by the Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons will be the scene of a large gathering, many guests from out-of-town points being expected. Of this lodge George Washington was worshipful master, and many souvenirs of his membership are to be found in the lodges.

Toast will be responded to as follows: "Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22." Right Worshipful Dr. William M. Smith, of this city; "George Washington," Representative Charles A. Stone, of New York; "Liberty Bell," Beverly Mass.; Eugene J. V. Hulegan, of Beverly, Mass.; "The Grand Lodge of Virginia," Most Worshipful Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville; "The Old Dominion," Representative Harry D. Flood, of Roanoke, Va.; "Andrew Jackson Lodge," J. John Green, of this city; "The Tenets of Free Masonry," Most Worshipful K. Kemper, of this city.

A large gathering of firemen will enjoy a banquet to be given in the Corcoran Fire Engine Company at the engine house on South St. Asaph street. Among those who are expected to deliver addresses are Mayor Paff and Rev. J. A. Jeffers, of this city. The program of the evening, including the exhibition of the old Friends' fire engine, will mark the celebration.

The Daughters of the American Revolution of the District have been invited by the Alexandria Daughters to assist in the celebration of Washington's Birthday in the Virginia town. Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, State regent, announces that the Washington society will attend the services in Christ Church at 11 o'clock this morning.

### CELEBRATION IN CAPITAL.

Oldest Inhabitants' Association and Others Arrange Exercises.

If there are any persons in Washington who have fears that the memory of George Washington will not freshen as the years go by, one glance at the extensive programme of celebrations arranged for to-day will convince him otherwise.

The Oldest Inhabitants' Association, as has been its custom for many years, will meet for the reading of the Declaration of Independence, while patriotic exercises will be held by the Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Fifth Baptist Church in the evening. National song drill, recitations, and a number of speeches will constitute the celebration.

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### Expect to Get Increase.

It is expected that the minimum wage scale demanded by the machinists of Washington Lodge, who are employed in commercial houses throughout the city, will be granted by the employers. International President James O'Connell is out of the city, and in his absence P. J. Conlon, vice president, has taken charge of the matter and arranged a conference to be held in the McGill Building this evening. The firms who will be represented at this conference are Allen Mitchell, Forsberg Company, the Marine Engineering Company, and the J. E. Hurley Company.

### TO PREVENT THE GRIP.

LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine removes the cause. To get the genuine, call for full name and look for signature of W. W. Grove.

## GIVE PATRIOTIC PLAY.

Boys of St. Patrick's Academy Hold Unique Exercises.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated at St. Patrick's Academy on yesterday afternoon. The boys claim the privilege of doing the honors on this day. They had as their guests the clergy of St. Patrick's, Father Burke, of Emmitsburg, the faculty and girls of the school and their parents and friends.

The stage was decorated with American flags and palms. The "Father of his Country" occupying a prominent place, and the whole illumined with electric light. A play, "The Noble Spy," was rendered by the boys of the high school department, with the following cast of characters:

Gen. Washington.....Paul Ramsdell  
Gen. Heath.....Thomas Robinson  
Gen. Clinton.....William Bessley  
Capt. Nathan Hale.....Alfred Wilkinson  
Proctor Marshall.....Charles Cannon  
American officers.....  
Henry Brooks, Walter Hines, Irvin Barbour  
British officers.....  
Roland Morrison, Andrew Morris, George Hill, Bernard Dunn.

Soldiers.....  
Thomas Costa, William Sebastian, Frank Lewis.

All the characters were perfectly interpreted, and each was sustained creditably. The Juniors sang "America" and "Washington's Farewell" to his "Army" with great feeling, while the little fellows gave as their share of the programme "George Washington" as a recitation, and sang the "U. S. A." with a drill. A flag drill, the "Star Spangled Banner," and "Salute the Flag," were exceptionally well done by the youthful performers. Dr. Stafford complimented the boys, and took the occasion to teach a lesson of patriotism.

## PLANS TO SHARE ITS PROFITS

Regal Shoe Company Will Sell Some Preferred Stock.

Offers \$1,500,000 of Its 7 Per Cent Paper To Be Used in Extending Business.

Boston Feb. 21.—Not in years has financial circles shown such interest and curiosity as have been aroused by the announcement that the great Regal Shoe Company, which has grown so phenomenally from a modest beginning fourteen years ago, will at once offer for popular subscription \$1,500,000 of its 7 per cent preferred stock. Proprietors are freely made of the invitation will meet with a ready, widespread response, as a tribute to the high standing and uniform prosperity of the concern.

Starting in 1893 as a pioneer tannery-to-consumer institution—a distinct industrial novelty at the time—the company is only following a Regal tradition in its present enterprising step. With an authorized capital of \$3,000,000, one-half of which is 7 per cent preferred stock and one-half common, \$900 par value, full paid and nonassessable, only three-tenths of the total capitalization is offered, according to the announcement.

The safety and soundness of this investment is further attested by the sworn statement of Managing Director and Treasurer E. J. Bliss, duly certified, that the corporation owns real, tangible, and unencumbered assets exclusive of good will, patents and trade-marks of more than par value for every share of preferred stock sold. Also it is attested that the business for eleven years yielded more than enough profits to pay above 7 per cent on \$2,500,000.

This is all the more remarkable in view of the very limited capital, \$1,500,000, which this firm was founded by E. J. Bliss in 1893. Added to these few hundred dollars, however, was an idea, which was simply that high class shoes, ordinarily offered to wearers at \$6 per pair, could be made and marketed for \$3.50.

Originally a small store was opened in Boston. The business grew like the fabled beanstalk—from store to factory, and on from store to store and city to city, until to-day the company actually controls 122 stores and agencies fed by the immense, but greatly overtaxed, home factory at Whitman, Mass. In New York City alone, the source and center of keenest competition, nearly 10,000 pairs of Regal shoes have been sold in one day, a record never equaled, if approached, by any other shoe retailer. The same record is repeatedly repeated in every city between the seas.

## A LONG CLOTH COAT.



Some very attractive new coats are very simply made, and one which is unusually free from the difficulties which occur in the making of a tailored coat is shown. No fitting is needed save on the shoulder, and the sleeves and coat proper are ample enough to go on easily over any frock without crushing it. Narrow tucks appear in front and back, and an attractive little vest completes the front. The coat is in long three-quarter length, and has sleeves in long or shorter style. Any of the seasonable coatings, such as broadcloth, camel's hair, or another, may be made, 4 1/2 yards of 42-inch goods being needed for the medium size.

A pattern of this coat—size 32 to 36 inches bust measure—may be obtained by enclosing 10 cents in stamps and addressing Pattern Department, The Washington Herald, 724 Fifteenth street northwest, and giving number (2426) and size wanted.

Clean Advertising.—The Washington Herald does not exploit fakirs. Merchants who patronize this newspaper will find themselves in good company. Its advertising columns are kept clean.

## AMUSEMENTS.

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**MRS. WILSON-ANDREWS,**

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Followed by George Ade's One-act Farce,

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At 8:15, at both lectures, will call a story of his \$500,000 drive, exhibiting his wonderful team of wild and big.

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Wednesday prices reduced to same as other days. Will be closed Saturday, Feb. 23.

Open other days as usual till close of season.

## AT THEATERS NEXT WEEK.

Mrs. Fiske and the Manhattan Company will appear at the Belasco next week in Langdon Mitchell's satiric play, "The New York Idea." The sale of seats began yesterday. The engagement of Mrs. Fiske and her notable group of associates is an occasion of exceptional importance. The play is a satire on social New York in particular, and on the views of marriage and divorce which the laxity of our divorce laws has occasioned throughout the country. Mrs. Fiske returns to a comedy role in the new play, and it is said is doing the best acting of her career. The Manhattan Company that appeared here with Mrs. Fiske in "Leah Kleesman" last season continues as her support. New players have been added to it this year. The cast will include Mrs. Fiske, George Arliss, Charles Harrison, Dudley Digges, Marion Lea, Ida Vernon, Blanche Weaver, Emily Stevens, and Belle Bohn.

The appearance of May Irwin at the Columbia Theater for the week beginning next Monday night, with Thursday and Saturday matinees, is being regarded with pleasant anticipation by theater patrons, as no star commands more general favor as a maker of wholesome fun than this breezy comedienne. She will be seen this time in two distinctly different characterizations. Miss Irwin will present here "Mrs. Wilson-Andrews," the comedy, with music by George V. Hobart, which ran three months at the Bijou Theater, New York, and which Boston and Philadelphia have most cordially indorsed. "Mrs. Wilson-Andrews" will be followed by George Ade's one-act farce, "Mrs. Peckham's Carouse," which was produced for the first time in Boston a few weeks since with great success.

Chase's bill next week will be headed by Julius Steger and company in "The Fifth Commandment." Mr. Steger has sung here many times in light opera and musical comedy, and has many warm admirers here. He has just concluded a successful run in New York vaudeville. Clifton Crawford will divide honors with the leading attraction, Mr. Crawford came here once without flourish of trumpets and "made good." Now he is a favorite with Chase audiences. Will Rogers with ex-Sheriff "Buck" McKee, and the nervous broom of Arcade will unite in furnishing a thrilling lariat throwing contest. Other acts will be Julia Kingsley and Nelson Lewis in "After the Honey-moon," Rogers and Deely, the Three Livers, Fred W. Mott, and "The Animated Statue" motion pictures.

Next week's attraction at the New Lyceum will be a new burlesque organization, "The Innocent Maids," numbering thirty-five of the leaders in that popular form of entertainment. Allied with the burlesquers will come such vaudeville stars as Smith and Champion, comedy sketch artists; Horton and La Triska, the messenger clown, and the human doll; the Seyons, eccentric talkers; Sadie Huested, the famous California barytone; Hughes and Hazelton, travesty artists, and Hill and Hill, cyclists. Two burlesques will be presented, viz., "The Gecezer" and "Happyland."

"Chinatown Charlie," the melodrama to be presented next week at the Majestic by A. H. Woods, deals with sights and incidents in the part of New York that is inhabited chiefly by Chinese. As it is a Woods melodrama, no doubt can exist that there will be plenty of excitement in it.

Clyde Fitch, the prolific author, has done no better work in a creative way than is shown in his character conceptions in "Her Great Match," the comedy in which Miss Maxine Elliott returns to the National on Monday night. In "Her Great Match," there is, first of all, the high-spirited American girl, played by Miss Elliott. Next comes the only other American character in the play, Mrs. Sheldon, a calculating semi-villainess, who suggests the almost forgotten Mrs. Chadwick.

Another character, familiar to any one who has brushed against even the fringes of society, as revealed by Mr. Fitch, is the wealthy brewer, who has plenty of money but no social position, who is will-

## AMUSEMENTS.

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